

MoDOT Accountability: A Success Story

By law, MoDOT is required to file an accountability report each year. But accountability is about much more than a report. It is honoring commitments. It is responsible and effective use of taxpayers' dollars. It is doing things right and meeting the transportation needs of Missouri. MoDOT is proud to present its success story.

Statewide Achievements

Bidding and Building

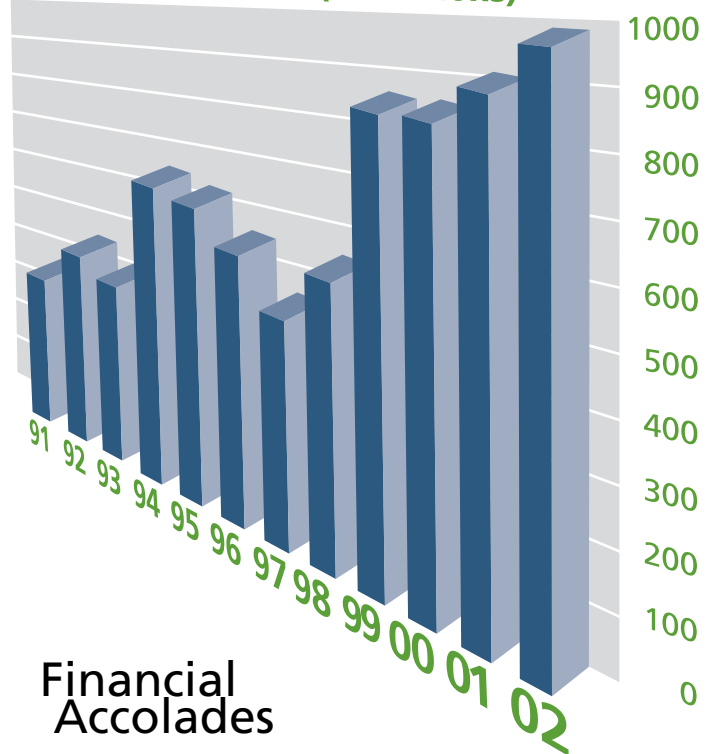
On-time and on-budget -- With dead-on accuracy, the 206 projects MoDOT completed in 2002 were within .8 percent of original estimates. This trend of single-digit accuracy is now in its third year.

	Completed Projects	Total	Percentage of Estimate
2002	206	\$593,898,000	.78% under
2001	169	\$532,004,179	1.4% under
2000	104	\$332,237,000	4.99% under

Record number of contracts awarded -- MoDOT completed a record year for construction using bond financing and improved cost-estimating procedures to get the maximum benefit for each taxpayer dollar. In FY 2002, the department awarded contracts in the amount of \$984 million for 485 road and bridge construction projects.

That's the largest dollar amount in the history of the department and is 2 percent less than the original estimate. Because of this success in estimating MoDOT expects to continue its trend of finishing projects on time and within budget in 2003.

Total Project Cost (in millions)



Financial Accolades

Top accounting rating -- For the third year in a row, the department received the highest possible rating with an "unqualified opinion" of its financial statements by an outside auditor. This is "as good as it gets," said the KPMG auditor.

Innovative financing -- MoDOT's innovative partnership with Kirksville's Route 63 Transportation Corporation to widen Route 63 between Kirksville and Macon will accelerate the project and test a new construction process that may serve as a model for other projects.

Efficiencies

Smart savings -- Through efficiencies, innovation and staff reductions, MoDOT saved \$19 million, which is being invested in the construction program. Most of the savings came from staff reductions, almost 300 employees since July 2001.

Bond financing -- MoDOT completed record construction years in 2001 and 2002, due in part to acceleration of high-priority projects through bond financing. MoDOT has used bond financing to accelerate 179 projects worth more than \$900 million. It was supposed to kick-start construction work until new revenue could be found.



Despite the success, there is a downside. No new funding has been generated. Bonds are a loan. The entire \$900 million must be paid back at \$75 million annually for the next 20 years.



Administrative -- According to the Federal Highway Administration, of all the departments of transportation in the country, MoDOT ranks fifth *lowest* for administrative costs.

PrePass means savings -- PrePass automatically prescreens over-the-road trucks for safety ratings, registration fees, fuel taxes and insurance, allowing them to bypass weigh stations if everything is in order. The program is saving taxpayers millions of dollars.



Used dump trucks mean money for MoDOT -- MoDOT changed the way it sells older dump trucks and saved taxpayers \$1.1 million through their resale.

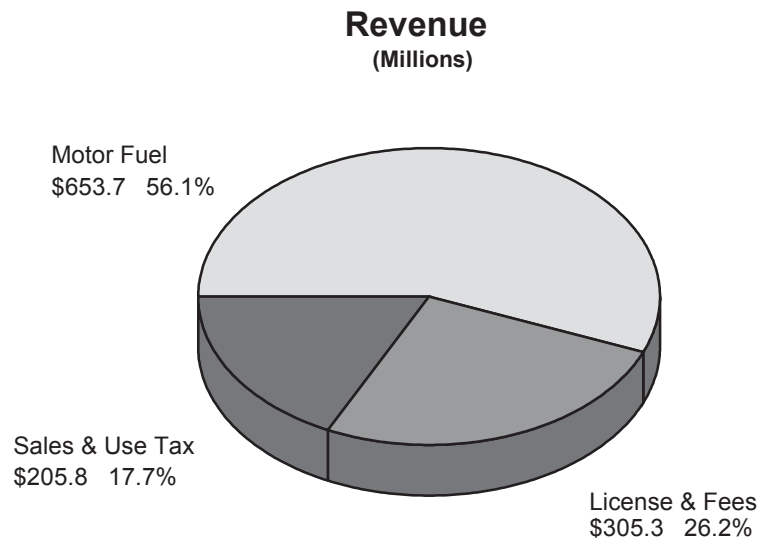
Lebanon bridge -- Through efficient planning and quick action, MoDOT saved Missouri citizens a lot of time, money and frustration in Lebanon. When the Route MM bridge over Interstate 44 was hit by an over-height truck on Sept. 30, 2001, MoDOT acted quickly. Through a dedicated team effort the replacement bridge was open to traffic in 10 months. A project of that magnitude usually takes years to complete.



Revenue and Expenditures from State Highway User Fees

Collected Highway Users fees

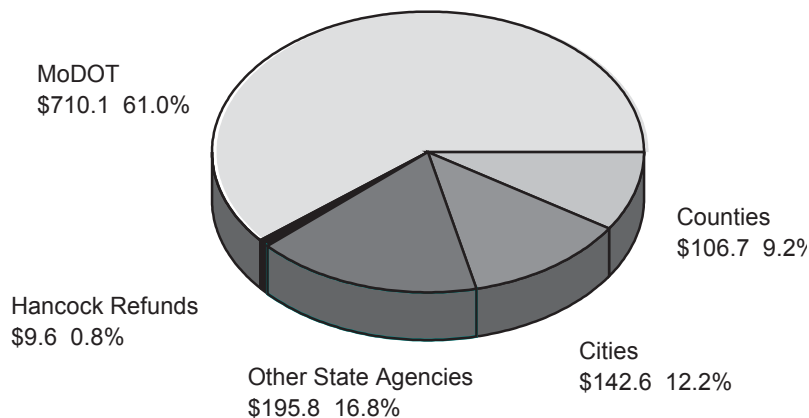
This chart shows what was collected in highway user fees for roads and bridges through the state's 17 cent per gallon fuel tax, one-half of motor vehicle sales tax, use tax, and license and registration fees.



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Expenditures

(Millions)



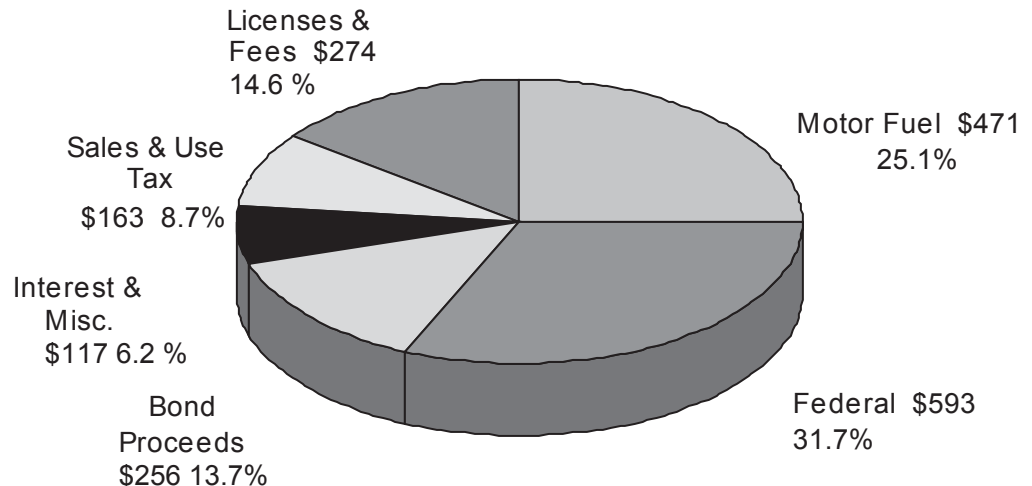
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Where the money is spent

This chart illustrates where these highway user fees are spent -- 61 percent of this revenue is available to MoDOT for improving the state's roads and bridges.

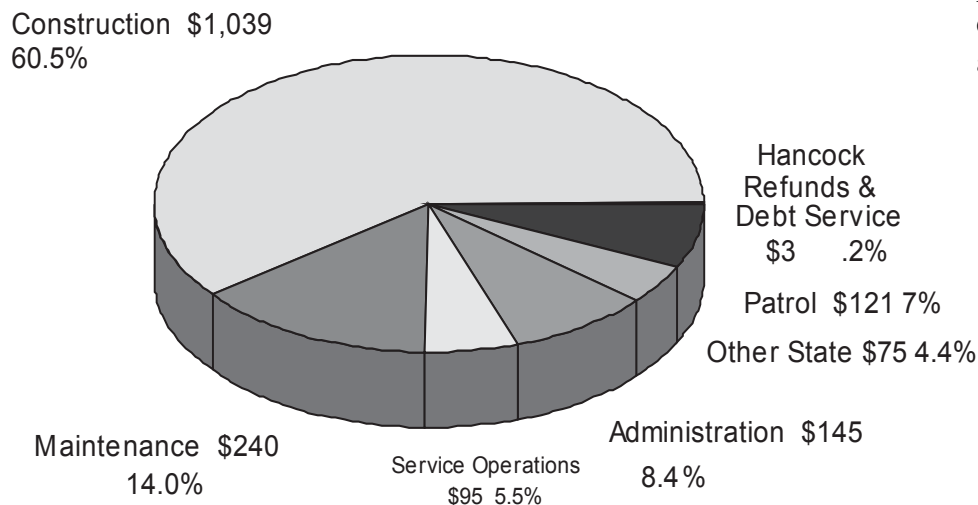
State and Federal Revenue and Disbursements 2001

MoDOT's total revenue for FY 2001 was more than \$1.87 billion and came from a variety of sources, including bonds.



FY 01 Revenue
\$1,874 million

MoDOT spent \$1.7 billion in 2001 with the largest portion of funds being expended on construction and maintenance.



FY 01 Disbursements
\$1,718 million

Honored for Excellence

The Missouri Department of Transportation was recognized for its outstanding work in a variety of fields during Fiscal Year 2002.



Engineering

Lifetime Pavement Achievement Award from the American Concrete Pavement Association for pavement longevity on Interstate 55 in Scott County.

Perpetual Pavement Award from the Asphalt Paving Alliance for a section of pavement longevity on Interstate 44 in Jasper and Lawrence counties.

The Thomas H. MacDonald Memorial Award for lifetime achievement in transportation went to J.T. Yarnell, retired MoDOT chief engineer. This award is the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' highest honor.

Qualifications-Based Selection Awards from the American Consulting Engineers Council and the National Society of Professional Engineers for the department's efficient use of engineering firms.

Two Value Engineering Outstanding Achievement Awards from the Federal Highway Administration for efforts to save Missourians time and money. The department also received AASHTO's Value Engineering Achievement Award for design of a bridge replacement in Miller County.

Public Works Project of the Year from the Kansas City metro chapter of the American Public Works Association for its work on the Bruce R. Watkins Expressway.

Environmental

Globe Award from the American Road and Transportation Builders Association for its plan to save the endangered geocarpon plant in St. Clair County. Geocarpon is a very small, very rare plant found in only 29 locations on earth.

Globe Award from ARTBA for archaeological and public outreach work on a 6,000-year-old village in Callaway County.

Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity for innovations resulting in cost savings and environmental protection on a wetland project on Highway 36 in Livingston County. The innovative project saved \$2.5 million.

Efficiency

Two Governor's Quality Awards for the innovative ways the department sells its replaced dump trucks and for its role in working with other state agencies in consolidating motor-carrier services.

Two Innovation Awards from the National Association of Development Organizations for the Long-Range Transportation Plan and the guidelines that helped create the plan.

Pathfinder Award from AASHTO for skilled use of planning tools and techniques in developing the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Public Outreach

AASHTO Skills Awards for best magazine and best feature story among all state departments of transportation.

Safety

Safety Enhancement Award from the Federal Aviation Administration for funding the operation of the Mobile Aircraft Rescue/Fire Fighting Trainer. The MARFFT gives firefighters the realistic training needed to handle an aviation-related fire.

Smart Work-Zone Deployment Initiative from the FHWA for researching and testing new work-zone-safety technology in the Midwest.
